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Mr. Damon Murdo
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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Re: Surface Transportation Board ("STB") Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 424X); BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") Abandonment between Glendive and Circle, Montana SHPO Project #: 2003123002

Dear Mr. Murdo:

Please reference your letter dated December 30, 2003, addressed to Brian Nettles (BNSF outside counsel) regarding the above-referenced rail line. Enclosed for your review is a copy of A *Cultural Resources Inventory of BNSF's Glendive to Circle Rail Line*. After your review, please provide us with a letter regarding your suggested mitigation or finding of "No Adverse Effect." We will then submit a copy of this report and your letter to the STB for final disposition of existing conditions under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470f.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 347-8667.

Sincerely,

Sidney L. Strickland, Jr.

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Enclosure

cc: Kenneth Blodgett, STB (w/enclosure)
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Inventory on File